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National Park Service Announces Final Decision Document for Narrowband Radio Conversion Project at Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Steve Martin today announced the final approval in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the park's Narrowband/Digital Radio Conversion Project. National Park Service Intermountain Regional Director Michael Snyder signed the document signifying final approval on February 7, 2008.

The final approval means that the park will proceed to implement the Preferred Alternative described in its May 2007 Environmental Assessment that was available for public review from June 5, 2007 to July 9, 2007. The Preferred Alternative proposes to convert all radio communications in Grand Canyon National Park from wideband/analog to narrowband/digital technology, including replacing radio repeaters, towers, and antennae at up to six sites within the park and three sites outside the park. The objectives of the project are: (1) to comply with federal regulations that require all federal agencies, including the National Park Service, to convert to narrowband radio communications; (2) provide for improved park radio communications and coverage, to increase public and employee safety and the ability of the park to safely and effectively conduct park management activities; and (3) to improve communications interoperability and services with other agencies.

The FONSI can be reviewed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca> by clicking on the project name, and then scrolling to “Document List” and then selecting the FONSI. People who cannot or do not wish to obtain the document online may request a paper copy by calling Rick Ernenwein, Project Planning Leader at (928) 779-6279.

For additional information on the project, please contact Mr. Ernenwein at the number listed above. For additional information on Grand Canyon National Park, please call (928) 638-7888 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/grca.

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